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FYI-

• There is an announcement on AMRA's Facebook page about a radio show this Sunday:

https://m.facebook.com/storv.php?

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American Mining Rights Association

Join AMRA President Shannon Poe on the live broadcast this coming Sunday on Gold Prospector Space (links below). He will be discussing all of the problems with the USFS, EPA and other regulatory and management agencies and their overstepping their authority. He will talking about AMRA's recent trip to Idaho where the team and members dredged for several weeks. Lots of gold stories, lots of government out of control.......JOIN US SUNDAY!

It will be a great show.

SUNDAY NIGHT August 16th, 4:30 PACIFIC TIME

HERE IS THE CHAT ROOM: http://www.goldprospectorsspace.com/

Here is the live broadcast link: http://www.goldprospectorsspaceradio.com/

• There is also this article from the Idaho County Free Press (8/12/15):

http://www.idahocountyfreepress.com/news/2015/aug/12/suction-dredgers-defy-epa-permit-again/

Excerpt:

How the dispute between the suction dredgers and the EPA will ultimately be resolved is unclear, but a civil case in federal court is likely. The Free Press has previously reported local Forest Service projects often take two to three years to complete – and it's not clear if suction dredgers who are willing to defy the existing permit would abide by a streamlined version. Beyond that, Poe has threatened to sue the Forest Service over the actions of Clint Hughes, the geologist who handed out the notices of noncompliance.

"The end result is, it needs to go to federal court and have a federal judge rule on it," Idaho County Sheriff Doug Giddings said July 27. "That, most likely, will happen. But until it does, there's all these debates and arguments between some guy who thinks he's the king and some guy who doesn't like the king. We try to maintain a somewhat in-between stance, but until the Forest Service or the BLM or the EPA or any other federal agency comes up with some facts rather than just their opinions, we're pretty much on the side of the citizen. When a federal judge makes a ruling, then we'll know which way to lean."

Another way it could be resolved would be through the ordinary political process. State Rep. Paul Shepherd, and U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo are working on bills at the state and national levels, respectively.

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For more information: <u>aquatic resources program</u> | <u>suction dredge permit</u>